2. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

(i) Food Situation

(Motions of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan and Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon)

Mr. President : Notices of certain adjournment motions have been received. One is from Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, to discuss the very serious situation arising out of the very great deterioration in the Food situation in Cochin; another is from Mr. Balakrishna Menon to discuss the serious food situation in Cochin today. I think the two adjournment motions are in order. They are substantially identical and if the House gives leave for these motions.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Nobody opposes, Sir.

Mr. President : I am finding that out. The motions will be taken up at 3-30 on Friday, 1st August.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Both to be taken up, Sir, together or separately?

Mr. President : Both to be taken up. According to the rules.....

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* The second motion is only about the serious situation.

Mr. President : One is included in the other. Therefore, the more general one can be given preference and according to the rules if there are two similar motions, the more general one will be moved and the other Hon'ble Member can support it as usual.

(ii) The inaction of Government in not making Cocoanut Oil and Cocoanuts available to Consumers within their purchasing power—Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

There is another motion, which is "to censure the Government for not seeing to it that cocoanut oil and cocoanuts are not made available to the consumers within their purchasing power". Evidently this is a motion that can very well be included in the adjournment motion on food and there is no necessity for having it as a separate one.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can I be heard Sir, before the ruling is given?

(iii) Suppression of the "Cochin Express" and the "Prajamitram" —P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

Mr. President : Another one is an adjournment motion by Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan concerning "the impropriety and the injustice of suppressing the two Malayalam dailies, the "Cochin Express" and the "Prajamitram" published from Trichur for the reasons stated in the order of suppression. About this adjournment motion, I have to inform the Hon'ble Member that notice of a cut motion has been received prior to this and since that is standing on the agenda.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I wish to place one fact before the Hon'ble Chair if I may be permitted to do so.

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*) : I should like to know under what subject is this cut motion and what its place is in the cut motion paper, just to ascertain whether that is a reachable cut motion on which there is a ruling that anticipatory motions.....

Mr. President : I understand the Hon'ble Member's point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I am afraid Sir, I am not fully understood. Anticipatory motions have to be disallowed and it is in that light that reference has been made by the chair to the cut motion received prior to the receipt of this adjournment motion. The object of the cut motion as also this is for discussion, to seek an opportunity for discussion of the injustice of the suppression of these dailies from Trichur. If it is clearly seen from the subject under which the earlier cut motion has been received or if it is clearly seen that from the place which the particular cut motion occupies in the list of cut motions, if it is seen clearly therefrom that that is a motion which under any circumstance will not be reached, and that, therefore it no more continues to have the force of an earlier motion such a motion, Sir, closes the characteristics on an earlier motion. On this point there are ever so many Rulings of various Assemblies and Councils and of this House also. One of them is of the Imperial Assembly at Delhi. If it is necessary, I shall point it out.

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Mr. President: In this House, the practice has been,—and I myself as a member once was a victim to that, so to say—it is not the question of reachability or non-reachability of the motion that is considered. The rule is clear. According to the rule, it is not taken into consideration whether a motion given notice of by any Hon'ble Member previous to an adjournment motion, is reached or not, that is not the question. If it is on the agenda.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): We have not seen Sir, the cut motion, yet.

Mr. President: It is in rule 22, clause 3, and that has been the practice in this House. Therefore, there is a notice of a motion already given and I think it is reachable also. I cannot give a guarantee that it will be reached or it will not be reached—but apart from that, under the rule I do not see my way to allow this adjournment motion and I declare it as out of order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): If so Mr. President, I am at your mercy.

(iv) The continued detention of Labour Workers without trial—Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

Mr. President: One more from Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—"the continued detention of labour workers without trial". I would like to hear from the Hon'ble Member whether it is first of all a matter of recent occurrence.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): On that Question, Sir, of its recent nature, the continuation of the detention is of recent nature, though the starting was on an earlier date. It is, Sir, a case *de die de dieum*: That is why I have worded the adjournment motion as I have done. "The continued detention, etc." It is continued from day to day. I was expecting that along with the prosecutions being levelled against various other persons.....

Mr. President: Exactly, it is that wording that struck me also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Day before yesterday, Sir, I was expecting prosecutions, a charge against the last detenue, Mr. P. S. Namboodiri but I did not see it and therefore I tabled the adjournment motion at the earliest opportunity. *i. e.*, Yesterday, the very first day we met after my inpructuous motion in Medom.

Mr. President: After hearing the explanation of the Hon'ble Member, I hold that it is not a matter of recent occurrence and the motion is disallowed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Again, Mr. President, I am at your mercy.

3. CONDOLENCE MOTION

Demise of Sree Parvathi Nenmanimangalam

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Mr. President, Sir, I have undertaken the sad duty of moving the following condolence motion.—

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Sree Parvathi Nenmanimangalam who was for some time a nominated member of this House, and requests the Hon'ble President to communicate the motion to the members of the bereaved family".

Sir, the exertions of Sree Parvathi Nenmanimangalam in the conduct of the Nambudiri Bill through this Council were immense, which will be borne testimony to by the pages of the report of the Council Proceedings. She had spared no pains in attending and taking a leading part in the Committee Meetings. She was of a suave disposition and had kind hilarious words to all she came in contact with. Her indomitable strong character was patent in the wholesome way she annihilated the age-long strong social barriers which her fore-fathers had built up by coming out of the purdah and taking a front place in the vanguard of progress. Her untimely death is a heavy blow to the emanicipation of her sex—especially of the Nambudiri women. May her soul rest in peace!

Mrs. T. Francis (*Ernakulam-Women*): Sir, I associate myself with the tributes paid by the mover of this condolence motion on the demise of Sreemathi Parvathi Nenmanimagalam who was a member of this House for some time. I knew her casually and I learned from her and from others that she was one of those who tried her utmost to improve the Nambudiri community in general and especially her sisters of the community. She had the courage to break the chains of purdah and come out and work for her sisters and she did succeed in that. The Nambudiri Bill was sponsored by the Government and she was given the opportunity to come to this House and discuss on their behalf to get their grievances rectified and she did succeed in

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